



Richard A. Vacek

September 7, 1939 - March 16, 2024

Richard A. Vacek, 84, of Sugar Land, Texas passed away on March 16, 2024, in Sugar Land, Texas surrounded by his family. He was born on September 7, 1939, in East Bernard, Texas to Charles and Sophie Hlavinka Vacek.

Richard was a long-time member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg, TX, where he was a Lector for over 20 years and a member of the KJT. Richard was also a Knights of Columbus 3rd degree member for 54 years in which he served as Grand Knight and District Deputy and a 4th degree member for 46 years.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University and went on to teach Math for 6 years as well as drive a school bus. Shortly after, Richard traded in school buses for tractors when he worked as a salesman for John Deere for over 38 years. He then worked as an insurance agent for Catholic Life.

When he wasn't working, Richard was an avid sports fan, cheering on the Astros, the Oilers, and the Texans. He loved listening to Czech polka music and dancing. His proudest moments were watching his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews play band, baseball, softball, volleyball, football, basketball, swimming and dancing. He made friends with everyone in the stands. This loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather,

brother, uncle, and friend to all will truly be missed.

In addition to his parents, Charles and Sophie Vacek, Richard is preceded in death by his brother, Jerome Vacek and his wife, Dorothy; in-laws, Sidney and Mary Ann Vacek; son-in-law, Patrick Valerian; and nephew, Matthew Vacek.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty Jane Vacek; daughters, Theresa James and husband, Vinton, and Ann Valerian; sister, Sophie Prokop; brothers-in-law, Larry Vacek and wife, Kathy, and Kenneth Vacek and wife, Rose.

Richard is also survived by his grandchildren, Vinton Lee James and wife, Hailey, Tarah Lawrence and husband, Philip, Valerie Valerian, Thomas Valerian and wife, Julianna, and Travis Valerian.

Richard's legacy will live on through his great grandson, Sebastian Lawrence, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2024 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg followed by burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Fr. Vipin George to officiate the services.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg, Texas, Holy Rosary Catholic School Endowment Fund or to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgree

nlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home,
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471,
Phone: 281-341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR **20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471
(281) 341-8800

**There will be a Rosary at 7:00 p.m.*

Funeral Mass

MAR **21.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
1416 George St. Rosenberg, TX US 77471
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Tribute Wall

MT

“ I was happy to meet Mr. Vacek several times in my life. He loved to meet and talk to people. He was a very nice gentleman. The last time we had a few words was at his mother-in-law Mary's rosary at Knesek Funeral Home in Wallis, Texas. I do not know if he loved to play dominoes as she did. Now, I admired her deeply, too, for being an independent person way into her nineties. My condolences to the family. May he rest in peace and let perpetual light shine on him.
Mary Lou Krenek, Egypt, Texas

Mary Lou Krenek, Egypt, Texas - April 22, 2024 at 04:50 PM

MM

“ We were very blessed to know Richard. He was a very kind and friendly man with a good heart and a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed. Sending our sympathy and prayers for comfort in your loss to all the family.
Melvin and Mona Matak

Melvin and Mona Matak - March 29, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Vacek.



March 20, 2024 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ The Henry Svoboda Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Vacek.

The Henry Svoboda Family - March 19, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard A. Vacek.*



March 19, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Richard Vacek was the consummate gentleman, kind neighbor, and dear friend to all those who were lucky enough to cross his path. We share in the loss of Richard's presence in our lives and stand together with his family in saying goodbye to a kind and gentle human being. Rest in Him, Richard...you will be missed. Mark and Kathy Salstrom*

Mark Salstrom - March 19, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ *I was blessed to have him as my Godfather. He was an amazing role model in faith and in life. Always positive and found the best in each and every person. Never met a stranger and true friend to everyone. I loved him so much and I hope he knew it. I loved being around him and loved knowing he was going to be there no matter where there was. He laughed out loud anytime I shared a teaching story. He was so happy about the love that I found with Chuck. He said, "you can just see the love in the Christmas card you sent." He loved big with all his heart. He was one of the best people on the planet and it's going to be hard to go on without him but I know he would want us all to laugh and smile as we remember him. Thank you for sharing him with us. He was a very special man!!*

Cheryl Dobesh - March 19, 2024 at 02:45 PM

AF

“ and all the Shoppa Farm Supply Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard A. Vacek.

and all the Shoppa Farm Supply Family - March 19, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Richard A. Vacek.



March 19, 2024 at 12:39 PM

BF

“ :My sympathy to the family of Richard. I know he will be missed.



Bernice A. Freudensprung - March 18, 2024 at 06:58 PM

DM

My sympathy to the family of Richard Vacek. I know he will be truly missed. From Denise McIntyre

Denise Freudensprung McIntyre - March 18, 2024 at 09:45 PM

EW

Richard was one of the Greatest men you will ever meet!!!
The only man..... to call me Mr Wilson❤️❤️. This is the kind of man you want to live next to, always friendly, loving and caring! I will sadly miss my big, lovable neighbor!!!!
We will see you in Heaven one day🙏
Mr Wilson

Eddie Wilson - March 19, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MG

Richard Vacek was our neighbor and friend for the last 29 years. We were fortunate to know him and we greatly admired his honesty, his high morals and his outgoing personality. He never met a stranger and was comfortable talking to anyone. We will miss our chats on the street and his friendship. He was a very involved and concerned neighbor and active in our neighborhood association.

To Betty and the family, you have our deepest sympathy. We hope you take some comfort in knowing that Richard made a positive impact in so many ways and the world is now a better place because Richard Vacek was in it.

Rest in peace, Richard.

Mike Green and Jan Rowland-Green

Mike Green - March 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM